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I.O. 12065: GDS 1/15/88 (FRIEDMAN, T.B.) OR-P
TAGS: SHUM, CARR, AR
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] SECURITY FORCES SEIZE US CITIZEN

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/TPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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.. [REDACTED] ENTIRE TEXT.

.. AN AMERICAN CITIZEN [REDACTED] WAS
HELD TEMPORARILY BY SECURITY FORCES .
LASTING FROM ABOUT MIDNIGHT JANUARY 5 UNTIL ABOUT
A.M. JANUARY 13. THE EMBASSY WAS ONLY INDIRECTLY
INVOLVED IN THIS CASE AT THE REQUEST OF [REDACTED]
FAMILY. HOWEVER, OUR UNDERSTANDING, FROM [REDACTED]
STEPFATHER AND ONE OF HIS FRIENDS, IS THAT [REDACTED]
WENT UP FROM DINNER AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT AT ABOUT
MIDNIGHT JANUARY 5 TO GET CIGARETTES FROM HIS CAR AND
NEVER RETURNED. AS HIS FRIEND DESCRIBED IT TO THE
EMBASSY THE NEXT MORNING, [REDACTED] DID NOT SHOW UP
AT HIS APARTMENT LATER THAT NIGHT. THE EMBASSY
RAISED THE ISSUE WITH GOA OFFICIALS. [REDACTED]
FAMILY, VERY WELL CONNECTED LOCALLY, SOON TOLD US
THAT THEY HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT HE WOULD BE
RELEASED AND DID NOT WANT OUR INVOLVEMENT.
IN SUBSEQUENT
TALKS WITH [REDACTED] STEPFATHER HE TOLD
US THEY HAD LEARNED FROM WELL-PLACED ARGENTINE
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THAT [REDACTED] HAD BEEN DETAINED
BY SOME ELEMENT OF THE SECURITY FORCES. HOWEVER,

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THE REASONS FOR HIS DETENTION AND THE PLACE HE WAS BEING HELD WERE NEVER REVEALED TO THE FAMILY. IN EFFECT, [REDACTED] WAS DISAPPEARED. [REDACTED] STEP-FATHER ALSO SAID THAT WHEN [REDACTED] WAS RELEASED HE WAS IN "PRETTY BAD SHAPE" AS A RESULT OF THE TREATMENT HE RECEIVED FROM CAPTORS.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW WHY [REDACTED] WAS SEIZED. HIS STEPFATHER DOES NOT BELIEVE HE WAS INVOLVED IN ANY SORT OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY. ONE OF THE FAMILY'S INTERMEDIARIES HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE WHOLE INCIDENT RESULTED FROM A QUARREL BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES. WE SUGGESTED TO [REDACTED] STEPFATHER THAT THE YOUNG MAN COME BY THE EMBASSY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FOR THE TIME BEING AT LEAST [REDACTED] PREFERS NOT TO COME TO THE EMBASSY. SHLAUDEMAN

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